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SUBJECT: ROMANIE FIEDLING - STATUS WITH SOVIETS

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1. ON BASIS REFTEL, EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT OF FIELDING'S STATUS WITH DEPUTY CHIEF USA DIVISION MFA K.G. FEDOSEYEV, WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN CASE AT TIME OF FIELDING'S EXPULSION FROM USSR IN 1969. AFTER CHECKING WITH APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS, FEDOSEYEV ADYUSED EMBOFF MAY 6. THAT "MR. FIELDING'S STATUS HAS NOT CHANGED."

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF ROUGHLY 18 MONTHS AGO, M.M. FROLOV OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S EXHIBITIONS DIRECTORATE MENTIONED FIELDING CASE AND MADE CLEAR THAT FIELDING WOULD NOT BE READMITTED TO USSR. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IN TIME SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD FIELDING MAY SOFTEN, EMBASSY SEES NO INDICATION THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN IN NEAR FUTURE. WE DOUBT THAT ANY USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY PURSUING MATTER WITH SOVIETS, WHO WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO SEE ANY PARTICULAR INTEREST SERVED BY ALLOWING FIELDING TO RETURN TO USSR.
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